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Ouachita National Forest  
Cold Springs-Poteau  
Ranger District

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Booneville, AR 72927

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Dear National Forest Stakeholder:

This project announcement letter serves to initiate scoping, "an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed" (40 CFR 1501.7). Scoping is required for all Forest Service proposed actions, including those that would appear to be categorically excluded from further analysis and documentation in an EA or an EIS (36 CFR 220.4C(1)). I request your input on the following proposed actions regarding the management of the Farm Bill 04 Thinning Proposal.

The Forest Service proposes to promote resiliency to insect and disease infestations through the implementation of thinning treatments on approximately 2,981 acres (see Table and enclosed vicinity map). Proposed treatment areas include plantation and natural stands of shortleaf pine forest type and plantation stands of loblolly pine forest type. These areas were designated as areas of emphasis for increasing resilience to insect infestation and disease through section 602 of Title VI of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591 et seq.). Section 602 was created by an amendment to HFRA in the Farm Bill of 2014. Design criteria would include maximizing the retention of old growth trees, retaining a diverse hardwood component, and minimizing road construction as appropriate for the forest type.

If you have questions about this project or would like more information, please contact **Dava Bauer** at (479) 675-4743 ext. 108 or [dava.bauer@usda.gov](mailto:dava.bauer@usda.gov). Address written comments to **District Ranger, PO Box 417, Booneville, AR, 72927**.

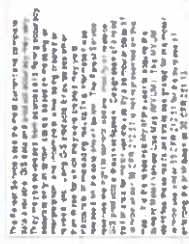
Sincerely,

BENNIE H. SOUTH  
District Ranger

Enclosure  
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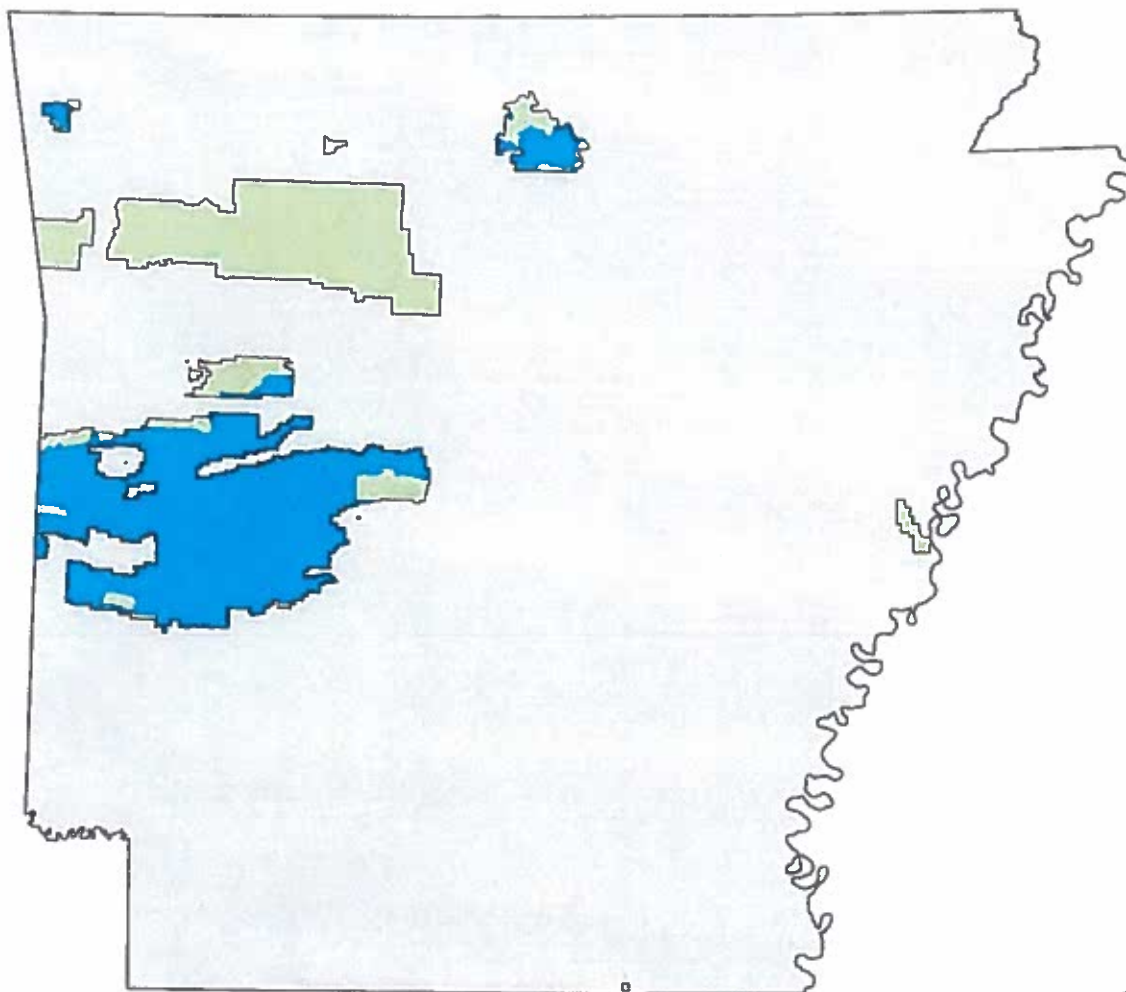


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203	3	14	54	321	35	22	17
203	7	14	8	321	36	22	14
203	17	14	1	323	9	22	56
203	63	14	6	325	6	22	86
203	64	14	3	327	3	22	117
203	65	14	13	327	6	22	73
203	69	14	2	328	1	22	72
203	70	14	3	328	3	22	79
203	71	14	2	328	5	22	105
210	9	14	34	329	17	22	80
210	12	14	38	1243	5	22	70
237	2	14	59	1243	6	22	51
237	6	14	63	1243	7	22	24
237	46	14	7	1243	32	22	37
237	47	14	1	1243	33	22	13
238	19	14	31	1244	4	22	69
238	20	14	67	1244	8	22	32
238	22	14	35	1252	3	22	84
238	23	14	2	1253	3	22	77
243	12	14	7	1253	6	22	56
243	14	14	9	1254	7	22	78
243	113	14	31	1258	9	22	70
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243	115	14	1	1262	37	22	24
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249	7	14	55	1265	4	22	62
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249	59	14	11				
249	60	14	5				
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318	3	22	36				

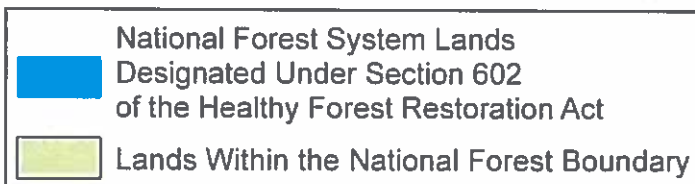




## National Forest System Lands Designated Under Section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act in Arkansas



Note: Data displayed are for informational purposes only and depict designations made under section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act. Please contact Tony Tooke for details: [ttooke@fs.fed.us](mailto:ttooke@fs.fed.us)



Map created by USFS Geospatial Service and Technology Center on May 12, 2014